

HOMELESSNESS

The Art and Poetry of the Homeless

30 minutes/1995

Added: 1/02 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*Chip Taylor Communications
Derry, NH*

Robert Chambers, President of the Homeless Writers' Coalition, invites homeless/formerly homeless writers, actors, musicians and artists to come together to portray the plight of the homeless through their art. AVAILABLE FROM: Chip Taylor Communications, 2 East View Drive, Derry, NH 03038-4812. 800/876-CHIP. www.chiptaylor.com. COST: \$75.

Don't Make Me Choose

17 minutes/1993

Added: 9/96 Requests: 8 User rating: 4.5

*Night Vision
South Windsor, CT*

Don't Make Me Choose is a mini-documentary and music video. The song that inspired the video was written by musical artist, Lorrie "Wes" Wesoly, who thought that a creative song about the plight of homeless people might capture the attention of representatives and legislative staff. The documentary consists of interviews with men, women, and children who are, or have been, homeless. Over 60 individuals participate in the video, and many join voices in the powerful chorus. The underlying theme of the interviews and the music is that change is possible. AVAILABLE FROM: Night Vision Productions, Inc., PO Box 97, South Windsor, CT 06074

The Faces of Homelessness

14 minutes/2000

Added: 2/01 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*National Coalition for the Homeless
Washington, DC*

This video features images, taken by award-winning photographers and accompanied by powerful music, that enable the viewer to see and feel the many men, women, and children in America who are experiencing homelessness. This video, revealing a very personal side of homelessness, can be an effective tool for generating in-depth discussions about topics related to homelessness. AVAILABLE FROM: The National Coalition for the Homeless, 1012 14th St. NW, suite 600, Washington, DC 20005-3406. Phone: (202) 737-6444; Fax: (202) 737-6445; Email: nch@ari.net. COST: \$25 + \$3 (s/h).

Health Care for the Homeless: An Introduction

20minutes/2001

Added: 1/02 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*National HCH Council
Nashville, TN*

This video provides a general overview of the causes of homelessness and the integrated approach to care that HCH projects have developed to respond to the multiple challenges faced by persons experiencing homelessness. The video provides an overview of the typical medical issues faced by homeless people and the barriers that prevent them from accessing services. Includes user's guide with general tips on how to customize a training program. Both video and guide can be adapted to train a variety of audiences new to homeless health care. AVAILABLE FROM: National HCH Council PO Box 60427, Nashville, TN 37206-0427. 615/226-2292. www.nhchc.org. COST: \$20.

Health Care for the Homeless: Outreach

22minutes/2001

Added: 1/02 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*National HCH Council
Nashville, TN*

This video introduces the essential components of HCH outreach teams. Topics discussed include: where outreach is done; what is special about outreach; the purpose outreach serves; who should do outreach; the skills needed; and how to practice self-care. Includes user's guide with tips on how to customize a training program. Both video and guide can be adapted to train a variety of audiences new to homeless health care. AVAILABLE FROM: National HCH Council PO Box 60427, Nashville, TN 37206-0427. 615/226-2292. www.nhchc.org. COST: \$20.

Holding On: A Love Story from the Street

90minutes/1997

Added: 3/03 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*John Bayard Production**Boston, MA*

This video, originally aired by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting on WGBH in Boston, MA, follows the lives of a homeless couple over a period of five years as they attempt to break free from life on the streets. It is a moving account of their daily struggles to survive. Combating addiction, physical illness, and depression, Luis and Donna talk openly about themselves and each other.

A Homecoming

57minutes/undated

Added: 1/01 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*Unitarian Universalist Social Concerns**Chicago, IL*

This is a moving drama about a college educated, middle class, middle aged man's experience with homelessness. It consists of a 40-minute drama, followed by discussion with the drama director and cast, for a total of 57 minutes. The video is ideal to use for: (1) education about homelessness; (2) fundraisers and annual meetings of organizations serving homeless individuals; (3) viewing by faith-based, school, and community groups who might like to stage the drama, or a variation of it, to educate and motivate. Scripts are available on request or can be downloaded via Internet Explorer. AVAILABLE FROM: Unitarian Universalist Social Concerns, 1448 East 52nd Street, Box 144, Chicago, IL 60615. Phone: (773) 643-8122. E-mail: uuscajl@enteract.com. Web site: <http://members.tripod.com/uusocialconcerns>. COST: \$10.

Home Less Home

70 minutes/1990

Added: 9/99 Requests: 7 User rating: 4.9

*Bill Brand Productions**New York, NY*

People who are homeless reveal their experiences, dispelling common misconceptions and prejudices. The film gives a broad analysis of the causes and conditions of homelessness, analyzing news, TV reports and historical images of poverty. The video presents new ways to look at homelessness, changing the debate from questions of charity to ones of social justice. AVAILABLE FROM: Bill Brand Prod., 108 Franklin St., #4W, New York, NY 10013. Phone: (212) 966-6253.

The Homeless Home Movie

85 minutes/1996

Added: 5/99 Requests: 1 User rating: 5.0

*Media Visions**Minneapolis MN*

This award winning video profiles five very different people who struggle with homelessness during one year. Their personal stories are complemented by the contrasting viewpoints of two homeless advocates whose radically different ideas create a powerful and provocative debate throughout the video. Together, all seven of these contemporary stories create a diverse portrait of homelessness and will provoke discussion about the social, psychological, and political dimensions of poverty, homelessness, and welfare. AVAILABLE FROM: Media Visions. Phone: (612) 789-2771.

Homeless in America

12 minutes

Added: 9/96 Requests: 8 User rating: 3.0

*National Mental Health Association**Alexandria, VA*

Homeless in America is a photographic film portraying the stories of various homeless persons' lives. Those featured express, in their own voices, their struggles and feelings about being homeless. AVAILABLE FROM: National Mental Health Association, 1021 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Phone: (800) 969-6642.

Homeless in America: Bring Your Best (Parts 1 & 2)*Sharp Productions, Inc.*

45 minutes/1995

Derry, NH

Added: 4/02 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

This documentary offers suggestions to the compelling question that demands immediate attention, that is, how to feed homeless people. The story is told using interviews with homeless people, government officials, executive directors of relief organizations and concerned people from all walks of life. AVAILABLE FROM: Chip Taylor Communications, 2 East View Drive, Derry, NH 03038-4812. Phone: (603) 434-9262. Fax: (603) 432-2723. Email: sales@chiptaylor.com. Web: www.chiptaylor.com.

Houseless Not Hopeless*Media Products, Inc.*

29 minutes / 1990

Dallas, TX

Added: 9/96 Requests: 10 User rating: 4.6

Using narration and interviews, this documentary examines the reasons why people are homeless, including insufficient numbers of low-income housing, rising rents, federal aid reduction, and discrimination. It includes suggestions for treatment of serious issues and focuses on individuals and groups working to provide solutions. AVAILABLE FROM: Media Projects, Inc., 5215 Homer Street, Dallas, TX 75206. Phone: (214) 826-3863.

I Want to Go Home C Homelessness in New Hampshire*Video Verite*

20 minutes/1992

Portsmouth, NH

Added: 9/96 Requests: 3 User rating: 4.3

This video explores what it is like for people to be homeless. While facts may stimulate the intellect, stunning photographs of homeless children and their parents can touch one's heart. This video places current-day photographs of destitute families alongside those of the photography masters to demonstrate that today's poor and homeless families are not much different than those of the Great Depression. Photographers who worked with the homeless families share their perceptions and how their own lives changed as a result of their experience with homeless children. Cultural and ethical issues are addressed. AVAILABLE FROM: Video Verité, PO Box 1579, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Phone: (603) 436-3360.

Neighbors in Need: Helping Our Homeless Neighbors*CA Homeless & Housing Coalition*

42 minutes/1991

Los Angeles, CA

Added: 10/00 Requests: 14 User rating: 4.3

This documentary examines the causes of homelessness and the successful placement of service facilities in communities to increase understanding of the realities of homelessness and A-not-in-my-backyard@ issues. Four neighborhood shelters are toured, whose residents give first hand accounts of experiences in becoming homeless and in making the transition back to greater stability. Local citizens describe their initial fears and concerns about having shelters in their neighborhoods, and go on to voice support for the facilities. AVAILABLE FROM: CHHC Video, 1010 S. Flower Street, #500, Los Angeles, CA 90015. Phone: (213) 746-7690.

Paper House*Fanlight Productions*

5 minutes/1990

Boston, MA

Added: 9/96 Requests: 22 User rating: 3.9

A homeless woman scrawls a childlike drawing on the wall of an urban pedestrian underpass. Memories of her childhood play across the screen in colorfully animated crayon drawings, which recall the warmth and security of home. As these images dissolve into the chaos of her current bleak existence, they illuminate her intense feelings of loss. This animated short film is a thought-provoking introduction to any discussion on homelessness. AVAILABLE FROM: Fanlight Productions, 4196 Washington Street, Ste. 2, Boston, MA 02131. Phone (800) 937-4113.

Peter, Donald, Willie, Pat

30 minutes/1988

Added: 9/96 Requests: 54 User rating: 4.8

*Fanlight Productions**Boston, MA*

A portrait of four homeless men who live in a shelter in Boston, this award winning video follows the men through their routines at the shelter over a period of six months and documents their techniques for survival on the streets. This video reveals the complexity and diversity of the men's lives: in some ways they are victims, yet in other ways they have succeeded in exploiting the system. The program makes no judgements, but simply shows how these individuals have joined a new class of survivors. AVAILABLE FROM: Fanlight Productions, 4196 Washington Street, Ste. 2, Boston, MA 02131. Phone (800) 937-4113. www.fanlight.com.

Rewind: It Could Have Been Me

13 minutes

Added: 9/96 Requests: 20 User rating: 4.7

*Morning Glory Films**Hudson, NY*

This is the story of Diane, a homeless woman. Through animation, viewers see beyond appearances to learn her story. The video opens with Diane as an angry, alienated woman living on the streets. Her story is told in reverse, revealing the details of her life (where she came from, how she lost her job, her apartment and her child), and how she came to live on the streets. *Rewind* is about learning to understand that there is more to a person than first impressions. It reminds the audience that the dilemmas that lead to homelessness are often not too distant from our own.

Shirley Mann's Story

11 minutes/1995

Added: 10/00 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County**Santa Cruz, CA*

A formerly homeless, elderly woman describes her experience of becoming homeless, living in a shelter and finally being placed in senior housing. She talks about why she became homeless, the discrimination homeless people experience, the process of acquiring senior housing, and what having a home means to her. AVAILABLE FROM: Santa Cruz Service Center, 501 Soquel Ave., Suite E, Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Phone (408) 457-1741; Fax (408) 426-3345.

Street Life: The Invisible Family

58 minutes/1988

Added: 9/96 Requests: 2 User rating: 5.0

*Fanlight Productions**Boston, MA*

A third of the estimated three million homeless people in the U.S. are families with children. Each year, thousands of these families pass through the Rocky Mountain area to find work in the western states. *Street life* introduces viewers to several such displaced families and to the often overburdened people who try to assist them in overcoming their struggles to secure employment, shelter, food, healthcare and education. AVAILABLE FROM: Fanlight Productions, 4196 Washington Street, Ste. 2, Boston, MA 02131. Phone (800) 937-4113.

Street Talk and Tuxes

55 minutes/1998

Added: 1/01 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*Susan Shadburne Productions**Ho Ho Kus, NJ*

This video reveals the lives of individual street kids – their devastating histories and dreams for a brighter future – then follows them to the only annual Prom for homeless youth in the country. Here, for one brief night, they strut, eat, dance, laugh, and forget their lives in the only traditional rite of passage they know. NOTE: To serve the interests of authenticity, strong language has not been edited. AVAILABLE FROM: Susan Shadburne Productions, LLC, 22 D Hollywood Avenue, Ho Ho Kus, NJ 07423. Phone: (800) 343-5540. Fax: (201) 652-1973. COST: \$100.

Surviving Friendly Fire

60 minutes/1999

Added: 1/02 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*Frameline Distribution**San Francisco, CA*

In 1992, 70 homeless youths of various racial, cultural and sexual identities joined a theater project in the Hollywood shelter where they lived. Through this project, they were encouraged to share their stories. Over seven months, these stories were shaped into monologues, scenes and songs. Of the original 70, 10 completed the project and became performers, playing the roles from each other's lives. In 1993, their play "Friendly Fire" was the centerpiece of the Los Angeles Festival, then toured to high acclaim throughout the city. *Surviving Friendly Fire* is a documentary about the 10 teenagers who endured cruelties and hardships and found the courage to tell their story. AVAILABLE FROM: Frameline Distribution, 346 Ninth St., San Francisco, CA 94103-3809. 415/703-8655. www.frameline.org/distribution. COST: \$225.

Survivors of the Streets

28 minutes/1992

Added: 9/96 Requests: 18 User rating: 4.8

*Full Circle Productions**Green Farms, CT*

Four persons who lost their homes as a result of drugs, alcohol, or abusive marriages, present their stories of life on the streets. This uplifting documentary presents a hopeful, inspiring message as those interviewed explain how they put their lives back together through use of an effective support system and believing change is possible. AVAILABLE FROM: Charlann Slater, Full Circle Productions, PO Box 649, Greens Farms, CT 06436. Phone: (203) 255-2094.

Taking It From the Streets

45 minutes/1993

Added: 9/96 Requests: 2 User rating: 4.5

*Paragon**Orange Co., CA*

Hosts Dave Dunlap and Steven Ross present clips from past programs highlighting the following: the hazards of eating out of dumpsters; Project Hope with Orange County Department of Education; Homeless people forced out of the Santa Ana Civic Center; and Celebrities working for the cause of homelessness. Glimpses of each program are seen and recapped within this educational, discussion-format program.

Taylor's Campaign

75 minutes/1997

Added: 1/00 Requests: 0 User rating: .n/a

*Richard Cohen Films**Venice, CA*

This documentary, narrated by actor Martin Sheen, offers an intimate look at life on the streets. It focuses on Ron Taylor, a destitute former truck driver living in posh Santa Monica, CA, who runs for city council, hoping to change increasingly punitive city ordinances against people living on the streets. Homeless people are portrayed with dignity and compassion, and lengthy interviews show articulate, thoughtful people who are down on their luck. This film addresses the invasion of rights of homeless people and the very complex issues around homelessness. AVAILABLE FROM: Richard Cohen Films, PO Box 1012, Venice, CA 90294. (310) 395-3549 or rbc24@earthlink.net. [Http://www.richardcohenfilms.com](http://www.richardcohenfilms.com).

What's Wrong With This Picture?

28 minutes/1994

Added: 9/96 Requests: 19 User rating: 4.6

*Fanlight Productions**Boston, MA*

Families with children make up more than a third of America's homeless. Many of them are working, but the combination of low wages and skyrocketing housing costs leaves them too poor to support their households. This video introduces the viewer to four homeless families in Michigan who provide a deeper understanding of the obstacles they face in getting off the streets and out of shelters. *What's Wrong with this Picture* is an important contribution to current social policy debates. AVAILABLE FROM: Fanlight Productions, 4196 Washington Street, Ste. 2, Boston, MA 02131. Phone (800) 937-4113.

Why I Am Homeless

9 minutes/1995

Added: 9/96 Requests: 0 User rating: n/a

*Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County
Santa Cruz, CA*

This video was shot on location at a construction site where homeless men were living in Santa Cruz, CA. Various men were interviewed and asked why they were homeless. The video reveals a diverse group of men with a range of circumstances that caused them to become homeless. The men described their intentions to overcome their situation and the difficulties they encountered in becoming housed. AVAILABLE FROM: Santa Cruz Service Center, 501 Soquel Ave., Suite E, Santa Cruz, CA 95062. Phone (408) 457-1741; Fax (408) 426-3345.